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The Christian Crusaders

The Good Being Accomplished by their Revival Meetings in Lancaster--A Number of Persons Publicly Testify to the Fact of Their Conversion.

Reported for The News.

In observing the mighty outpourings of the Holy Spirit in the revival meetings of the Christian Crusaders, which are still in progress in Lancaster, and the wonderful transformation that is being brought about in the lives of men and women, it is very evident that the days of miracles are not past; for what power could draw man from the depths of sin and degradation, and bring his rebellious, sin-calloused heart into subjection and perfect submission to the will of God, and give even the most timid, such power of speech as to be able to proclaim most intelligently, to God's glory, what great changes have been wrought in their hearts and lives, but the miraculous power of God. Well might it be said that the days of miracles are not past! "The Lord's arm is not shortened that it cannot save, neither is His ear heavy that it cannot hear." "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

From the large crowds which throng the Tabernacle nightly, and the spiritual atmosphere which pervades the town, it seems that the interest is not yet abating, but is rather increasing and that the good work is just properly begun.

"From the abundance of the heart" the following expressions have been made in the meetings, by those who have recently experienced the "New Birth" and others who have been greatly blessed through these services. "My sins are forgiven, and I am adopted into the royal family of God." "I know that I am born again. I have passed, as it were, from death unto life, dead in trespasses and sins, but I have been awakened out of my sleep and have now been brought to see the beautiful things of God. I was persuaded to believe that Christ would not meet me when I came, and Satan said in his wily way that there was no salvation for me. I thank God that He did meet me half way. After I had left my seat to come to the altar, I felt His spirit come upon me. I can truly say that Christ has settled the old account. It is strange that we should try to find happiness outside of God's will, yet this has been my case. I have not found it, but have been a very unhappy man. I have neglected and shamefully rejected Christ for a long time, when He has been so merciful and kind. I tried to buy my happiness in this world, but found that it could not be

bought, and it was all a mistake. This is a very happy moment of my life, in fact, the happiest that I can recollect. I feel that Christ has met me here, my sins are all forgiven, He has wiped them away. My earnest desire is, and I know that it will be granted, that all the people may pray for me. I shall rely on Christ, and ever lean upon His strong arm."

"The meeting has been a great blessing to me. Just how great a blessing, I can never tell." "I thank God that my sins are forgiven. I have been thinking I was a christian for the last five years, but I feel to-night as I have never felt before. I want you to pray for me that I may hold out faithfully to the end. I have friends I want to see saved." "I want to say that when these christian people came here, I was under the hardest temptation I have ever been under. Satan was trying hard to keep me from Jesus. I had almost begun to despair, but I praise God, I am back in the way, and never intend to get out of the way again."

"To say to you that I feel that I have the love of Jesus within my heart, would fall far short of giving you any real conception of my supreme happiness and contentment, as a child of God. This feeling is inexpressible. I would not venture with my human vision and conception to picture to your minds just how I do feel. I cannot do this, and you will never know until you surrender yourself to God. I am sure I have experienced the 'new birth', without which Jesus declares, we 'cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven.'"

"When I came here, my heart felt so heavy and strange that I thought it would jump out of my body. It has bothered me all day. I could hardly work and had to consult a doctor. But since God has forgiven me, it hasn't bothered me a bit. It now feels 'plumb' all right." Would that the burden of sin might so affect other hearts that many other unsaved ones might consult Jesus, the Great Physician, and be healed of their sins.

A bright boy, eleven years of age, two nights after his conversion, testified thus: "My friends, I certainly feel fine to night, because my sins are all forgiven, and I haven't done a sin since I was converted." Another young boy said, "My sins are all forgiven. If I should die I'd go to heaven."

A good sister whose home has been much blessed through these special services, and who herself has come into possession of a deeper peace, from a full heart, made this expression: "When I awoke this morning, I was very happy and have been so all day. I could not rest and keep the joy to myself, but had to call upon one of my neighbors and talk with her. We all could do much good if we would talk to each

Another Exciting Scene

Before Dispensary Investigating Committee--Banker and R. R. President Refused with an Oath to Answer Questions.

Columbia special in Charleston Post: W. G. Childs, president of the Bank of Columbia, and the Columbia and Newberry and Laurens railroad and friend supporter of Senator Tillman, stumped the dispensary investigating committee today. He answered all questions promptly and frankly until Representative Lyon began to insist on his repeating remarks and jokes he had heard about dispensary officials getting rebates and graft.

"I'll be damned if I will repeat idle rumors that may not be anything," he answered in a burst of temper when pressed for an answer. "You may go ahead and send me to jail for contempt, but I'll be damned if I'll answer your questions."

Mr. Lyon then turned the witness over to the committee and the chairman excused him. Answering other questions as to why his railroad got the bulk of the dispensary freight business, Mr. Childs said he supposed it was because his railroad was the only Tillmanite railroad in the State and he was a friend and supporter of Tillman.

Afterward it was announced from executive session that Mr. Childs had been summoned to show cause next Tuesday at noon before the committee why he should not be ruled for contempt.

Young Married Couple Burned to Death.

Greenville, S. C., June 2.—Joe Hudson and his wife, aged 22 and 20 years respectively, were burned to death in the house where they boarded in Walhalla in the extreme north-western section of the State, early today. Hudson and his wife occupied a room in the second story, and when the fire was discovered it was impossible to enter the house to awaken them, nor could they be aroused from the outside. The charred bodies were found later. The couple had been married only a short time and were well known.

"A Hard Hit."

From the Carolina Citizen.

It is amusing, the way in which brother Charley Connors, the jovial and artistic quill pusher of our esteemed contemporary, The Lancaster News, puts it on Rock Hill for trying to induce Col. LeRoy Springs to move to that town.

Other item of interest might be reported, but space will not permit.

Destructive Hail Storm in Marlboro.

Marion Observer:

There was a destructive hail storm in Marlboro county last Sunday. One of the farmers whose crop was greatly damaged by the hail was insured with The Carolina Hail Insurance Company of Marion. The loss was reported Wednesday, the claim satisfactorily adjusted Thursday, and on yesterday the farmer received his check in full settlement for his loss. The application for this insurance was made only last Saturday, and although the hail came before it was accepted and the policy actually issued, there was no contest made by the company on this ground.

These facts were given to us by Mr. LaRoque, the secretary of the Company, and he feels proud of the promptness with which claims against this company can be met. He says that it is the policy of the company to adjust all losses as promptly as possible, and that the losses are paid immediately upon their adjustment.

Forgeries in Pardon Paper.

Columbia Record.

Solicitor James E. Davis has sprung a crackling sensation in his refusal to endorse the pardon petition of Hampton Robertson, a white man given two years in Hampton county in October, 1903, for kidnapping and adultery.

The solicitor first wrote this endorsement on the petition:

"I know of no reason why I should recommend the defendant's pardon. I am, however, of the opinion that the punishment imposed by the court is excessively severe. I therefore recommend that the sentence be commuted to one year."

Then he ran his pen through this and wrote:

"In looking over the petition I am impressed with the idea that it is full of forgeries. Therefore I decline to make any recommendation whatever upon it. In the meantime I recommend that the governor return this petition to the clerk of the court of Hampton county with instructions to turn it over to the solicitor."

The clerk and sheriff among others have denied signing the petition.

Arthur P. Gorman Dead.

Washington, June 4.—Arthur Pue Gorman, United States Senator from Maryland, died suddenly at his residence in this city at 9:05 o'clock this morning. While Senator Gorman had been ill for many months, he had shown some improvement lately. Heart trouble was the immediate cause of death.

A three-year-old colored child died on Wheeler's Hill at an early hour yesterday morning after climbing up to the top of a mound and drinking almost a half pint of raw whiskey which it found there.—Columbia State.

An Interesting Event

In the Mill Community--The Most Popular Young Lady Determined by Ballot.

Reported for The News.

The Bowman tent show closed a series of entertainments June 2nd, at the Cotton Mills. The first entertainment that Mr. Bowman gave was free to all. He stated the first night that he was going to give away a tea set of 32 pieces to the most popular young lady in our village.

His method of deciding who the young lady was, was as follows: on entering the door each one was given one five-vote ticket, to be voted each night. He also had patent medicine and medicated soap on sale, giving 100 votes with each dollar's worth of medicine sold.

There were several names on the bulletin until Saturday, June 2nd, which was the last night of the show, when all votes were voted for Misses Ethel Dabney and Etta Skipper. After the curtain fell and all was over, Mrs. Bowman called for two of the audience to count the votes, which was done with great accuracy, and the result was as follows:

Miss Ethel Dabney received	9,540 votes.
Miss Etta Skipper received	8,890 votes.

Therefore, Miss Ethel Dabney received the tea set of thirty-two pieces of quadruple plated silver, valued at \$40.00. The Cornet Band furnished music, ice cream and cold drinks and every one enjoyed the evening to the fullest. P.

Convicted Kansas Senator Resigns.

Topeka, Kan., June 4.—United States Senator Joseph R. Burton, of Abilene, after a conference here this morning, with several close friends, placed his resignation in the hands of Governor Hoch. The resignation, which was sent to the Governor shortly before noon, was extremely brief. Governor Hoch appointed F. D. Coburn Senator to succeed Burton.

Young Man Kills his Sweetheart while Trying to Take Pistol from Her.

Roanoke, Va., June 3.—Dewitt Sigmon, 20 years old, to-day shot and killed his sweetheart, Miss Sallie Shively, in the latter's home, near Roanoke. There was no witness to the tragedy except the parents. Sigmon says the girl was handling a pistol and in trying to take it from her he was so excited, the ball entering the girl's breast. Sigmon summoned a doctor and gave himself up to the sheriff. The girl was dead when the physician reached her. Sigmon is in the Roanoke jail.